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Death of children due to dysentery in Mavilai and Makreri villages of Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar.

11–50 a.m. * 1180 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that more than 100 children and many persons died of dysentery in Mavilai and Makreri villages of Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, in the year 1953; and

(*b*) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government in the matter especially with regard to small children?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No Sir. Only nine children and one adult died of dysentery in the two villages in 1953.

" (*b*) The health staff visited the villages and instituted preventive measures such as disinfection of houses and materials, chlorination of water sources and distribution of sulphaguanidine and multivitamin tablets among children and others."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Government have taken any permanent measures to prevent the outbreak of dysentery and other like diseases in that particular area? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Dystentery and diarrhœa we have in ever so many places. Malabar comes prominently into the picture because the Malabar Members are very vocal."

Metalling of the Velanganni-Vedaranyam road in Tanjore district.

* 1181 *Q.*—Sri N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the road along the coast of Velanganni and Vedaranyam in Tanjore district has been ordered to be metalled; and

(*b*) if so, when the work will be started?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The Government sanctioned the execution of the work of metalling that reach of the road running from Velanganni to Vettaikaraniruppu in Tanjore district as a low scale famine relief work. However, only a limited extent of 3 or 5 miles has been ordered to be taken up first and if it was found to be successful in attracting labour then the entire extent will be taken up.

" (*b*) The work will be started as soon as adequate labour becomes available."

Sri N. SIVARAJ :—"தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள திருத்துரைப்பூண்டி, நாகப்பட்டிணம் தாலூகாக்களிலுள்ள கடற்கரைப் பிரதேசத்திலிருக்கும் கிராமமக்கள் போக்குவரத்து வசதியின்றி ரொம்பவும் கஷ்டப்படுவதால் சீக்கிரம் இந்த ரோடைப்போடும் யோசனை சர்க்காருக்கு இருக்கிறதா ? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I propose to take interest in this matter and see whether means could be found to start the road work."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்தத் திட்டத்திற்கு சர்க்கார் எவ்வளவு பணம் ஒதுக்கியிருக்கிறது ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" About Rs. 9,000."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் போது இந்த ரோடு போடும் வேலையைப் பஞ்ச நிவாரண வேலையாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொன்னார். தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிற்கும்கூட பஞ்சம் வரவேண்டுமென்பது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் விருப்பமா என்று கேட்கிறேன். "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, this is a remnant of the old cyclone relief work."

Playground facilities for the Sambanar Koil High School, Mayuram taluk.

* 1182 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether any representation has been made by Sri K. R. Sambandam, M.L.A., requesting the Government to grant the site of Vilamagon temple having an extent of 6 acres 39 cents in R.S. No. 39, Arupatti village on lease, to provide playground facilities for the Sambanar Koil High School, Mayuram taluk, and if so, what action has been taken on it?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A representation was received by the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department from Sri K. R. Sambandam, M.L.A., President, Sambanarkoil Educational Society. The Commissioner informed Sri Sambandam that the land in question had been leased out in auction until the end of fasli 1364 on a rental of Rs. 55 per annum, and that the trustees of the temple had expressed their willingness to lease it to the Educational Society on the same rental for a period of five years from 1st July 1955. If the Educational Society wants the lands from an earlier date, the society may move the trustees, the Executive Officer and the present lessee."

Grant of higher initial pay to war-service candidates.

* 1183 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of war-service candidates who were granted the higher initial pay under G.O. No. 1261, Public (Services), dated 20th May 1948;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that those who were discharged before they attained their 24th year with more than one year constructive war service and who were recruited to the reserved